



## Chrome vs. Alum

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### **CHROME-TANNED LEATHER LACE**

Chrome-tanned leather laces are known for their soft, rich feel. Typically used in footwear, most notably hand-sewn shoes, chrome-tanned laces tend to maintain their shape, color, and temper (feel) even after exposure to moisture and heat in a hand-sewing operation.

### **ALUM-TANNED LEATHER LACE**

Alum-tanned (Aluminum) leather laces are much firmer, denser, and have overall increased strength over chrome-tanned laces. Alum laces are not recommended for use in hand-sewn shoes where laces would be exposed to moisture and heat, but can be used in certain footwear applications, such as work boots. Alum laces are most notably used in sporting goods applications, such as baseball/softball glove lacing as well as lacrosse sticks.